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# PATENT APPLICATION

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Charles F. Streckfus et al.	)	
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Application No: 09/914,501	)	For: METHOD OF
	)	DIAGNOSING AND
Filed: December 13, 2001	)	MONITORING
	)	MALIGNANT BREAST
Attorney Docket No. 4856-CIP	)	CARCINOMAS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 30, 2003

### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, entry of the following Terminal Disclaimer and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one month in responding to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002 on the above-identified application. The extension extends the time to respond from March 31, 2003 to April 30, 2003, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted 4 months after the date of the Office Action. Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1) for small entity, which is a \$55.00 extension fee for response within the 1st month.

Additionally, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and requisite \$55.00 fee in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.321(b). Since no new claims have been added, it is believed that no additional fee is due. However, the USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.